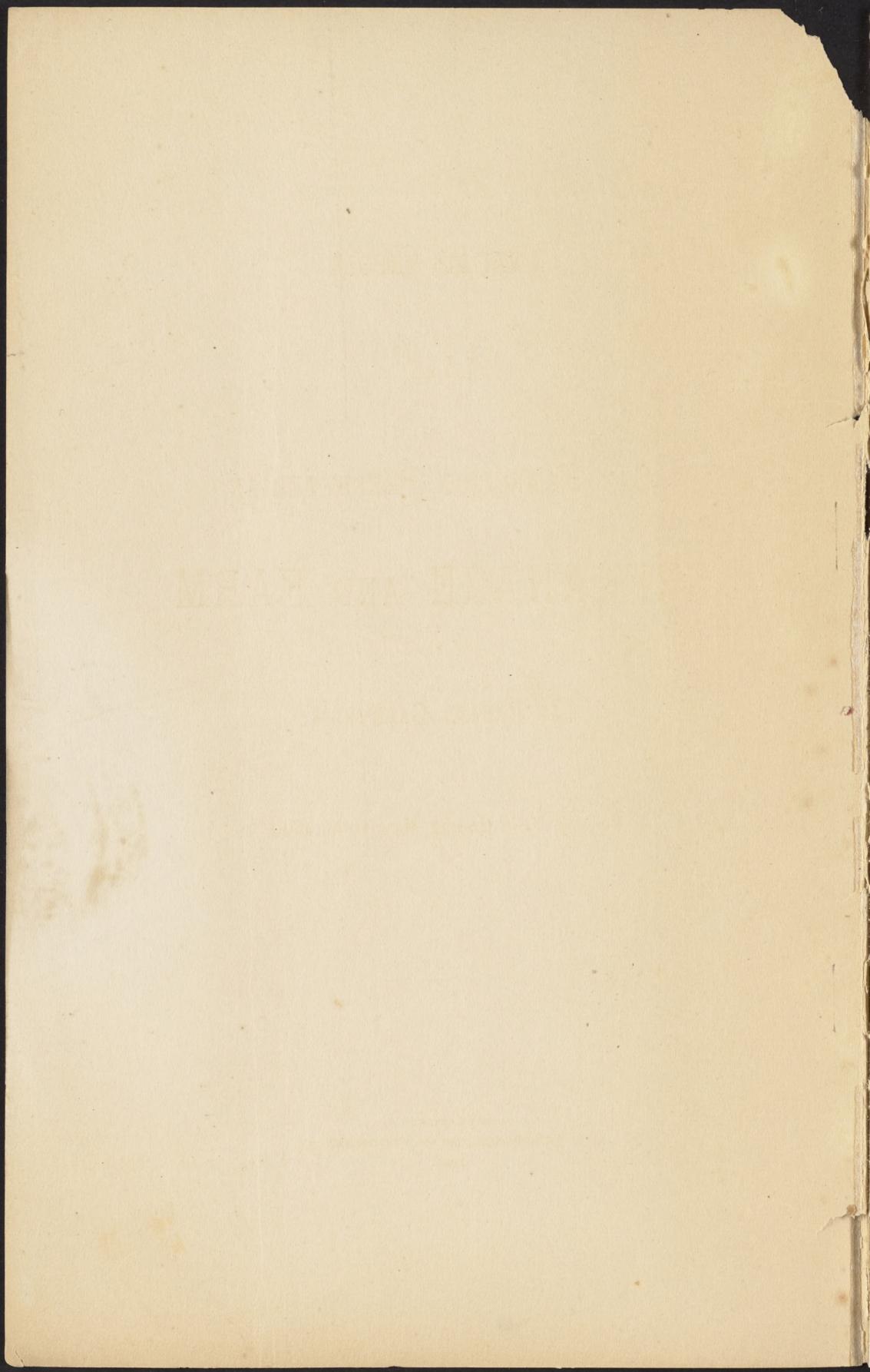


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I read these lines the other day, "Would that a tithe of Paul's burning devotion, a corner of his mantle, might fall upon us and imbue our lives with the same Christ-like spirit." As I read I thought of our Orphanage with the wonderful possibilities that lie before us as we help the motherless children, and wondered if we had Paul's Christ-like spirit. If we have our little ones will not be allowed to spend another winter in their present uncomfortable quarters, while we are well housed and cared for. We this year met with a seemingly irreparable loss when Dr. and Mrs. Noble, among the founders of this work, left us for their southern home. But He whose work this is, may raise up other workers to take their places. Let every one be helpful.

There was a man who sent for a lawyer to make his will and he began: \$10,000 for Home Missions, \$10,000 for Foreign Missions, \$10,000 for the Bible Society —

"But, have you this money to give?" the lawyer asked.

"I have not one cent," the man replied, "but I like to show my good will."

We have generous givers who have enabled us this past year to pay for our Farm. Then we have many about us who are ever ready to show their "good will" without their good works.

Our work is growing on every side. Boys have been provided with employment, and they have given satisfaction. Girls and boys have been provided with Christian homes. Others are waiting to enter the Orphanage.

We hope to begin to build our new Home next month. The Thornwell Presbyterian Orphanage reports over one thousand annual contributors. Had we one-half that number we would be greatly encouraged and our work enlarged. Because you are far away does not matter. This Home belongs to our State. The women of to-day like Esther of old are striving to save our nation though our way may differ widely from hers. Let us give our 128 children a comfortable home upon our Farm. A trifle from each reader, or a prayer from those who cannot give will soon enable us to place our little ones in their new and happy home. Let prayer like a golden thread run through all our work for God touches human hearts and reaches those that may be closed to us. Why do we need Homes like these? Homes upon the cottage plan? Twenty children in a cottage in the country

can surely be better cared for than if they were herded together in one large building. The home is God's plan. Will you help us to give a home to twenty children bearing your name, at a cost of one thousand dollars or more as you please? Will you build a cottage in memory of some loved one who has gone before bearing his or her name?

Statistics show that crime is increasing. The daily press is teeming with crimes committed by neglected children of eight and nine years of age. Many of these from our larger cities have been surrounded with nothing better than the saloon. What is their heredity? What their environment? Many of the Orphanage children have come from homes where their mothers would gladly have encircled them with Christian influences, but alas! this and kindred Homes seem the only answer to that prayer "Give us this day our daily bread." Shall we help these mothers or leave their helpless ones uncared for?

Let us feed these children, body and soul, until brighter days may come to the mothers, or these children well trained may go out into the world fitted to earn their own living.

Every child saved saves the tax payer. Every child saved benefits our country. Do we realize what such a child means for itself, for the church? for the State? for the nation? Some one must care for these uncared for ones. "Shall you? Shall I?"

The children of this Coast develop very early. With all the possibilities for good or evil in their little hearts they are too often uncared for while their mothers go to their daily toil. Shall we care for them? Let us provide them with a home. Help us this coming year as in the years just passed and before our next report you will have heard the Saviour's voice saying "Well done." Do not wait until you can send a large gift. You may have many cares, but turn from them (or from your pleasures) for a little while, and realize that through this home and farm life we may save many of God's little ones.

"I heard you say no hands can bear  
A gift that are so filled with care!  
'What care?' God said, and then He smiled  
To hear you answer, low and mild  
'I only give to feed a child;'  
And then with such a look divine  
God whispered, 'But the child is mine.'"

MRS P. D. BROWNE.

## REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY.

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A report of the State Secretary would not be of much interest as for the most part it comprises mere statistics, such as the number of letters and circulars sent out for the purpose of enlisting the sympathy of all Presbyterian churches in *their* Orphans' Home. But as the family of helpless children is constantly increasing in numbers, and our present accommodations are totally inadequate, I cannot refrain from making an appeal in their behalf at this time, trusting that it may reach some hearts and meet with a generous response. Two distinctive features of this new institution are, first the location, and second, religious training of a denominational character. Of the former it will readily be conceded that a country life, under the proper influences, is much better for children physically, and surely fully equal, if not superior, from a moral standpoint, to that of a city where so many temptations abound, just outside the protecting walls of the Asylum. Secondly, there are enough little ones to spare after crowding the Homes in the city, and the opportunity to sow *Presbyterian* seed in their young tender hearts should not be lost; for if we are true to our faith and loyal to our church, we should be glad to have these children brought up as Presbyterian parents delight to instruct their own sons and daughters, that they may occupy the places of usefulness so soon to be vacated by the workers of to-day.

### WHAT WE HAVE.

An indefatigable President whose heart and soul are in this work; a Board of Managers co-operating with her in solving the problem of ways and means; a Matron and helpers, who have proven themselves to be the right persons in the right place; a plot of ground ample for the purpose directly under the shadow of our Theological Seminary at San Anselmo; a friend who will donate all the lumber for the building, and over one hundred children who are now crowded together in rented houses in no way adapted to their health and comfort.

### WHAT WE WANT.

Can you guess? An opening of hearts and purses and an outpouring of gold and silver so that an appropriate home may speedily be erected for the betterment of these little ones both physically and spiritually. May there be many to hear and generously respond to the call, for it is the Lord's work and thrice blessed will be His servants who give heed to it.

With your gifts we ask your prayers and sympathy that the work may prosper.

"We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless,  
Is Angels' work below.  
And we believe thy word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er for thine we do O Lord  
We do it unto thee."

MRS. E. R. KING.

#### THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANAGE AND FARM.

In order that many interested in the Orphanage might be present, the annual meeting was held this year in the First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, May 10th, 1899, instead of at the Orphanage, San Rafael, as heretofore.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. P. D. Browne, who gave as the central thought of the devotional hour and the day, the words of Isaiah, "Be strong and of good courage." This morning hour closed with an earnest prayer by Mrs. E. R. Stevens, State Superintendent of Sunday-School Work.

We were cordially welcomed to the historic First Church by Mrs. George Underhill, the daughter of one of its founders, Mr. King. She welcomed us in the name of Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Hardly had her words ceased when the response came from scores of little Orphanage voices saying, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

These little ones were then led by the Superintendent, Miss Edgington, in scripture recitation, hymns, etc. Scripture verses were sent by the children to the pastor, Dr. Mackenzie, also to Miss Ames who is about to leave for Korea as a missionary. Later the children left, singing "America," the audience rising and joining most heartily.

Then followed the presentation of most encouraging reports. The Treasurer of the Building Fund showed a good amount on hand for the beginning of our new, much-needed Home. The election of directors, officers, managers and the chairmen of the various committees followed. A rising vote was given to Dr. Jones of San Rafael for his untiring services as the physician of the Home. Great regret was expressed at the seeming loss of two who were among the founders of our Orphanage, Dr. and Mrs

Noble, but all felt that the work would be as dear to them in the southern portion of our State as when nearer the Home. Miss Tisdale told of the work among the young people.

The morning services were closed with a prayer by Miss M. E. Chase, and then the doxology.

A pleasant social hour was spent around the luncheon table, and all hearts were made glad at the pleasure of the "three score and ten" of the Orphanage little ones who enjoyed the good things prepared for them.

At 2 P. M. the meeting was again called to order. After the devotional exercises, the children from the Orphanage delighted the audience with their recitations, papers, scripture verses, hymns and songs, and last but not least by their quick responses to the questions of the shorter catechism. A temperance song was sung and then the children in the most orderly manner marched out of the church singing "He leadeth me oh blessed thought." Each person present must have made the silent resolve to work more heartily than ever before for this institution which is so thoroughly training these 128 little ones body and soul for their country and heaven.

Then followed a masterly address filled with pathos and humor by the Rev. David James on the topic "Are Orphanages needed for the individual, the church, the State?" He showed the long line of influence for good extending through many generations by the saving of even one child now; the evil influences following those who were left to grow up uncared for. Gifts for the new building were promised amounting to \$260. Brief remarks followed by our staunch friend, Mr. Robert Dollar, and others, and the meeting adjourned. Every heart was filled with gratitude for all the blessings of the year.

#### REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

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Twelve regular and five called meetings of the Board have been held during the year. One hundred and twenty-eight children have been in the Orphanage during the year. There are now one hundred and twenty-three. Homes have been found for some of the children and several boys have been provided with employment. In June the advisability of establishing a Receiving Home in San Francisco was discussed at much length and negotiations were carried on between parties with property to rent and the Board of Directors, but the matter was finally deferred indefinitely on account of the greater need of a permanent new home for the children now in San Rafael, as the present quarters were filled to overflowing. We also wished to purchase more land near our farm, but both projects were abandoned.

Mr. George Bordwell, of Alameda, was selected as the architect to draw up plans for the new Home, to be built at San Anselmo. The resignation of Mrs. W. B. Noble as Treasurer was received with great

sorrow at the August meeting, change of residence being the cause, and Mrs. L. McLaine was appointed Treasurer of General Funds, and Mrs. N. D. Rideout, Treasurer of the Building Fund. A vote of thanks was given Dr. and Mrs. Noble for their untiring efforts in behalf of the children of the Orphanage.

The last payment upon the land selected for the new Orphanage was made in November and the building was deferred until spring. On November 19th, a donation party was held at the Home, about fifty people attending. Many very useful donations were received, being principally groceries and clothes. A bountiful supply of ready made garments was received soon after from the Needle Work Guild. The children were treated to a fine Thanksgiving dinner and many thanks were due the Rev. Mr. James, of Franklin Street Church, for his successful efforts in getting a large number of turkeys for the children. Rev. T. F. Burnham was appointed a member of the Advisory Board in the place of Rev. S. S. Palmer, who has left the State.

MRS. ROBBINS CHAIRMAN OF TRANSFER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

"The Transfer Committee desire to present in behalf of the Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm most hearty thanks to the following companies: The California Northwestern Railway Company, The North Pacific Coast R. R. Co., The Southern Pacific R. R. Co., (freight department;) Wells Fargo & Co. Express. All these have most kindly granted special favors in time of need, thus contributing greatly to the success of the Orphanage during the past year, as in other years."

MRS. THOMAS F. DAY, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON ADOPTION AND HOMES REPORTS.

"Since last September there have been sent me thirteen applications for children from this orphanage. Six of these applicants wanted either to *adopt* a child, or give a permanent home without formal adoption. The remaining applicants wished for the children—all girls—simply to assist in housework or the care of children. In one instance the lady was unwilling to allow the twelve-year-old girl to attend school. It is needless to say she did not get the child. In each case where a permanent home was offered, careful investigation was made concerning such homes, which resulted in the committee, under the Board's authority, placing two girls and one boy in good Christian homes, where their *moral* as well as *mental* training will be carefully considered.

The fact that there are *twelve* applicants for *girls* to *one* for *boys*, leads us to conclude that it is easier to find homes for our *girls* than for the *boys*. Hence the question, *what are* we to do with our twenty or more *boys* over twelve years of age, who when school closes, will have almost nothing to do? These, with the numerous younger ones, are a problem to our motherly Miss Edgington, who is longing for help in the solution thereof.

Therefore we make a most earnest and vigorous plea for all friends of these orphan boys and girls, to lend their united influence in trying to secure additional funds towards building the *Farm Home*, where the children will have land to cultivate, chickens and cows to care for and where certain trades may be taught them."

In January, Mrs. Robert Dollar was appointed to have charge of a society for sewing for the children. Our many warm friends in San Rafael greatly aid us. In January it was decided to change the day of the Orphanage meetings from the second Wednesday of the month to the first Wednesday. In February it was resolved that we ask the churches to set aside one Sabbath each year for the Orphanage work. This is done in other Orphanages. Mrs. I. S. Belcher became an honorary life member in April, upon payment of the sum of \$100.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Henry Crocker we were enabled to purchase the articles so long desired for our kindergarten department. One of our assistants is a trained kindergarten and has cheerfully added this teaching to her many duties. The harmony of the Home remains undisturbed. Many a poor mother has been "tided over" dark days and has come for her little ones when the sun has again shone upon her pathway. Our new Home is an absolute necessity. For this let us work untiringly.

J. C. DALTON, *Recording Secretary.*

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Life in the home is so busy, and, as a rule, happy as well, that it hardly seems possible that another year has gone, and we are again called upon to make a short review of our family life, and to record some of the many changes that are always taking place.

As in past years, God has most graciously remembered us, provided for our daily wants, and richly bestowed unnumbered blessings upon us. With grateful hearts we ask in the words of the Psalmist: "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us?"

At the present time we have 57 girls and 65 boys, 122 in all in the home, 128 being the largest number we have had at one time. With the exception of the sickness this winter, the health has been remarkably good, there being a longer interval without serious illness than at any time before in the history of the home. Our kind physician accounts for it partly by the weeks of camp life during the summer, when the children lived out of doors and grew brown and strong. Many of our children, who have been longest with us, but who, when they came, were delicate and often indisposed and out of school, have become robust and strong with rosy cheeks, which speaks better than words for the country air and wholesome fare.

Two of our little ones were, during the year, taken to their Heavenly

**Home.** One of them, only two years old, abandoned by its parents and evidently not wanted anywhere, found in our home willing hearts and hands to love and care for him, and to mourn his death, made more sad because even his own mother did not seem to care for him, and said she wished the baby was dead, too, because he looked like the father, who was cruel and had deserted them. It is a comfort to know that there are homes like ours, where kind people give of their means to provide for these friendless ones, and better than this, that there is room in Heaven and that they are wanted there.

There is manifest in a greater degree than ever before a spirit of contentment and appreciation of the home, especially among the older children. A few have gone away to good homes, and others, who have been away for some months doing for themselves, have a longing to return, not finding the burden of life so light, nor the path so smooth as it looked at a distance from our home door. We are glad they can always feel there is one place they can call home. We have been very happy in being able to secure positions for four of our older boys, with a chance to go to school. Others have had opportunities to earn a little by going out by the day to do garden work or house cleaning. This brings to our minds one of our great needs, that of fitting these boys for some work, some way to make their living when they leave us. A few days ago an application came for a boy to go on a ranch. The work required was milking cows, caring for horses and gardening. We had a boy who wanted just such a place, but he had learned none of these things. How could he? In this case there was no time to wait until he could learn, as the vacancy was made by illness, and the employer being much of the time away, he must have some one who knew how, and could do the work without being taught.

We have 21 boys 12 years of age and over. What are we going to do with them? Some people look at them and say, "He is big enough to do for himself." Well, what can he do; who will take him? One of these boys became very anxious some months ago to go out and earn his own living. After many inquiries in many places, we advertised in the paper, but had not one single application. He grew restless and impatient waiting, and in desperation one day he said, "I will go and find one myself." This did not seem unreasonable so I wrote to our President for his dismissal. When it came I said "Now we will give you a good suit of clothes, the little money you have earned, and anything else you need, that we can give you, and you may go to-day." He turned away with his eyes full of tears and said, "I don't know where to go." I could only say, "I don't either." Who will take them? Where are the Christian philanthropists who will give them a home, or a position? Few people want them at this trying age, especially if they are not valuable as help. We can scarcely hope to find homes for all of them. Few people care to assume the responsibility of their mental and moral training, and there is perhaps no

time in a boy's life that he needs more the protection of a good home, the restrictions and discipline that all youth needs. Who will do this? As a rule, when they leave us they consider themselves their own authority and so no one has a hold upon them. Is not this a part of our work to keep them fit and train them for some trade, guide them in their moral and spiritual life, keep them under our home influence, and so save them from the pitfalls without, until such an age that their characters are formed and they are at least in a measure equipped for life's battles? How much we do need just now—our farm, the shoe shop, the garden, the cows and horses—to give these boys a chance. An Orphanage in one of our southern States does enough outside shoe mending to pay the salary of the man in charge of the shoe shop. We hire all of ours done and this bill each month is not a small item. Who will furnish a set of tools to help make a beginning in this department?

The same can be said for our girls with this exception. We have many applications for girls, but rarely one for a boy, and consequently we have fewer girls, and some of them need to learn many things before they can go out and fill a place satisfactorily; for as is the case with the boys, people want these girls to help with the work. At present our boys do nearly all the dining room and kitchen work, also wash and mend their overalls, because there is less for them to do, and the girls are needed to do the sewing and darning, as well as keep their rooms in order.

In the nursery there are twenty-five little ones besides the older girls who help take care of them. They, too, are as busy as a hive of bees, and we are very glad to have the warm days come that they can be out of doors, for their only place to play through the rainy, cold months has been the kitchen and dining room, where they lived all day. It is very difficult to have quiet and order at the table, where in the same room they have been romping and playing a few moments before. Like every one else they enjoy a change, and even to go into another room relieves to some extent the monotony of the shut-in days. To this end we are looking forward to their having very soon a place of their own with both a dining room and a play room. As in all child-life, they are very happy, have few complaints and, as a rule, see the bright side of life. One of the new arrivals expressed her appreciation of the home comforts by saying, "I tell you this is fine; we didn't have dinners like this when mama was sick. Sometimes we had bread and sometimes we had just potatoes." There is a great need of beds for our little ones. The old cribs, second-hand when they came to us, are going to pieces, and the children unceremoniously go through on to the floor. We need at least a dozen, small, iron beds, besides pillows, bedding and a clock.

Through the gifts of many churches, Sunday schools and kind friends, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays were much enjoyed by the children. Mrs. A. W. Foster gave them the pleasure of a visit to her

beautiful home and the Christmas tree, each one bringing home a dainty gift. Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock also gave them a pleasant afternoon tea at the Selborne School.

We are very grateful to all who have in any way helped the Home, and the donations of fruit and groceries, bedding and clothing and other needful things have greatly aided in supplying the necessary wants of our large family. We were specially grateful for the sewing machines which we have needed so much.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is well attended, a greater number taking part and there is more interest in the study of God's word, all of which is an evidence of the spiritual growth among our numbers. Five have since the last annual meeting united with the church.

With grateful hearts we begin another year, trusting that He who has so richly blest us in the past, will still be with us.

CORA U. EDGINGTON.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

MRS. L. MC LAINE, *Treasurer.*

In account with San Francisco Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm.

To balance on hand May 1, 1898.....	\$ 1,347 17
" receipts for children .....	\$2,581 77
" State aid.....	6,551 06
Total.....	\$10,480 00
Total disbursements.....	8,992 00
Balance on hand May 1, 1899.....	1,488 00

By disbursements as follows:

For payroll.....	\$2,614 60
" Food.....	4,160 25
" Clothing.....	317 12
" House rent.....	900 00
" Water.....	84 00
" Fuel and lights.....	325 95
" School supplies.....	71 75
" Furniture.....	96 35
" Repairs and improvements.....	48 34
" Drugs and medicine.....	79 50
" Express and freight.....	44 47
" Telephone.....	36 80
" Incidentally (matrons) .....	61 52
" Printing and postage.....	114 35
" County Clerk.....	11 00
" Funeral expenses.....	26 00
Total .....	\$8,992 00

BUILDING FUND.

Treasurer's annual report Building Fund for the year ending May 1st,  
 1899:

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May 1st	Cash on hand.....	\$2,595 64	
	Donations received during the year.....	2,074 75	
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		\$4,670 39	
June 1st	Paid on account of purchase of land.....	\$2,503 60	
Oct. 14th	Balance on hand.....	1,512 15	4,015.75
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May 1, 1899	Cash on hand.....	\$ 654 64	

MRS. N. D. RIDEOUT,  
 Treasurer.

CASH DONATIONS.

Mrs Chappel.....	5 00
Mrs. Webster.....	25 00
Mr. Hickman.....	5 00
Charlotte Brush.....	1 00
Charles Tabor.....	1 00
Mrs. Lunt.....	5 00
Mrs. Normington.....	1 00
Grace L. Cumming.....	1 00
Mrs. Post.....	1 00
Mrs. McLeod.....	1 00
Gertrude Jessup.....	1 00
Mrs. Cumming.....	5 00
Frank Jackson.....	1 00
Mrs. Moot.....	1 00
Ethel McConnel.....	1 00
Helles F. House.....	1 00
Collection at annual meeting.....	4 15
Lunch.....	21 40
Mrs. I. S. Belcher.....	135 00
Mrs. Tisdale (collected).....	11 00
Mrs Tisdale (monthly subscription).....	55 00
Alameda Sunday-school.....	34 10
Alameda Christian Endeavor.....	8 15
Mrs. A. W. Foster.....	5 00
Mrs. Forbes.....	25 00
Mrs. S. E. McLaine.....	125 00
Mrs. O. T. Johnson.....	10 00
Mrs. H. King.....	21 00
Orphanage Aid, San Jose.....	5 25
Christian Endeavor of Redding.....	6 75
Anaheim Sunday-school.....	5 00
Mrs S. C. Fox.....	25 00
Mrs. J. G. Chown.....	5 00
Mrs. W. J. Fifield.....	2 00
Miss J. Partridge.....	1 00
Mrs. Davidson.....	20 00
Kings' Daughters of Oakland.....	5 00
Henry Barr.....	1 00
J. F. Banardo.....	

Wm. Balnave	25 00
Dr. Vanderlip	15 00
Mrs. A. McG. Stuart	60 00
B. Cummings	5 00
Mrs. J. K. Law	5 00
Mrs. W. B. Levitt	2 00
Mrs. R. Fairly	6 00
Mrs M. M. Burnorver	20 00
Advertisements	3 75
Mrs. Knox	5 00
David Jacks	25 00
White House	5 00
A Friend	5 20
Mrs Albricht, collected in Brooklyn Church	22 25
Mrs. H. O. Mathews	5 00
Miss Partridge	2 50
Mr. Magee's Sunday-School Class	6 50
Check by Mrs. P. D. Browne	25 00
Mrs. Thomas Breeze	20 00
Mr. George D. Cooper	20 00
Capt. Robert Sudden	50 00
Mrs. A. S. Johnson	5 00
Mr. Jas McNab	20 00
Mrs. Geo. Bennett	5 00
Mrs. Monroe Greenwood	5 00
Mrs. Jas. Mathews	2 00
Miss Laura Wells	25 00
Dorothy Debney	5 00
R. J. Davis	5 00
A. D. Spencer	5 00
Mrs. Stone	1 00
Mrs. N. D. Rideout	55 00
Miss Barbary Keer	5 00
Mrs. T. Henshelwood	10 00
J. N. G. Hunter	20 00
Mrs. C. H. Huffman	5 00
Andrew Wilker	1 00
Mr. Dollar, support of one child	80 00
Cash Box at the Orphanage	2 50
Collected by Mrs. P. D. Browne	3 35
Mrs. Walker	1 00
J. A. Mitchel, Elko	5 50
George Bird	2 00
Mrs. J. F. Boyd	20 00
Mrs. H. M. Hersman	2 10
I. M. Nixon	1 00
Mrs. Post	25
Mrs. John Reid	10 00
Mrs. Hughes	1 00
Mrs. Williamson	1 00
Mrs. W. M. Cary	1 00
Mr. John M. Forsythe	14 80
Johnson Brothers	2 50
H. LeB. Smith	2 50
Mr. C. Wells, Wialukie, H. I.	25 00
Mrs. H. M. Newhall	12 00

Mrs. Jas. Sperry	10 00
Mrs. W. H. Hamilton	5 00
Mrs. E. C. Fish	1 00
Mrs. C. W. Crocker	20 00
Mrs. H. J. Crocker	25 00
Mrs. Purvine	18 00
Mrs. Clark	1 00
Mrs. Phoebe Irvine	5 00
Mrs. Eldridge	25 00
Mrs. J. S. White	5 00
Mrs. Ross, a basket sold	1 25
Sunday-School Cards	53 10
Add by Mrs. Stevens	7 50
Mt. Fahlenstock	25 00
Mrs. Wm. Pierson	5 00
Mrs. Anderson	5 00
Mrs. John McClure	10 00
Mrs. Boomer	10 00
J. O. B. Short	100 00
Mrs. Currian	1 00
Mrs. D. A. Hulse	5 00
Mrs. J. A. Weston	25 00
Miss McPherson	12 50
Miss Cora Edgington	14 00
Board of children	213 25
Livermore Sunday-School	10 00
Trinity Sunday-School	5 60
Westminster Church	1 60
Howard Street Church	12 00
Anaheim First Church	6 75
Two Rock Church	6 25
Two Rock Sunday-School	25 00
First Presbyterian Church, Thanksgiving	42 85
Golden Gate Church	1 55
Franklin Street Church	12 50
Sonora Union	1 25
Livermore Union	2 50
Oakdale Sunday-School	3 00
San Leandro Church	2 00
Bakersfield Union	10 00
North Ontario Sunday-School	6 50
Petaluma Presbyterian Church	7 85
Trinity Church	7 00
Bethany Church	7 00
Vallejo Sunday-School	4 35
Christian Endeavor, Davisville	5 60
Young People's Christian Endeavor, Dr. Coyle's Church	2 50
Presbyterian Aid of Mendocino	10 00
Young People's Christian Endeavor, Calvary Church	5 00
First Presbyterian Church Sunday-School	1 00
Mrs. Emily K. Latham	5 00

## DONATIONS.

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### CLOTHING.

ALAMEDA—Ladies' Aid Soc., Mrs. Frick, Mrs. Tisdale, Mrs. Chappel.

ALVARADO—Sunday School.

ASHVILLE, OR.—Junior Y. P. S. C. E.

BERKELEY—Mrs. Mattson, Mrs. Kelsey, King's Daughters, Sunday School,  
Y. P. S. C. E., Miss Mary Dutch.

DANVILLE—Mrs. Burgess.

DIXON—Auxiliary Missionary Society.

FRESNO—Presbyterian Church.

FULTON—Ladies' Aid Soc., Presbyterian Church.

GILROY—Presbyterian Sunday School.

HEALDSBURG—

MONTEREY—First Church.

OAKLAND—King's Daughters First Church, Ladies' Aid First Church,  
Mrs. K. C. Richards, Mrs. Wm. Gardner, Pastor's Aid, Mrs. Mos-  
crofts, Brooklyn Church King's Daughters, Ladies' Aid Soc., Mrs.  
W. J. Gardner, Mrs. Lundy.

PALO ALTO—Ladies' Circle, Presbyterian Church.

PASADENA—Ladies of Presbyterian Church.

ROSS—Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Davis.

ST. HELENA—Y. P. S. C. E., Mrs. Mackay.

SAN ANSELMO—Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Stephens.

SAN FRANCISCO—Trinity Church, Mrs. Wm. Blackmore, Mrs. Laine, Mrs.  
Knox, Mrs. McQueen, St John's Church, Mrs. J. B. Roberts, Miss  
Carey, Miss Quick, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. A. D. Spencer, Misses M.  
and S. Quick, Ladies of Howard Church, Ladies' Guild of Howard  
Church, Mrs. H. L. King, The Mentone Club, Mrs. H. Carey,  
Murphy Grant & Co., Mrs. L. A. Kelley, Mrs. E. R. Stevens, Ladies of  
Calvary Church, Franklin St. Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Glover,  
Mrs. McLean, Needle Work Guild, Mrs. J. Kirk Firth, Mrs. Martel,  
King's Daughters St. John's Church, Emergency Club, Mrs. Rob-  
bins, Mrs. Stone, White House, Mrs. C. W. Crocker, The Emporium,  
Mrs. W. P. Moon, Carroll & Tilton, Mrs. McLaine, Stewart Memori-  
al Church Y. P. S. C. E., Sewing Circle Calvary Church, Howard  
Church,

SAN JOSE—First Presbyterian Church.

SAN RAFAEL—Sewing School, Mrs. Chevalier, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Grace  
Dollar, Mrs. Simms, Mrs. E. B. Hoag, Mrs. Menzies, Mrs. Hoover,  
Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Ainsworth.

SANTA CLARA—Y. P. S. C. E.

SANTA PAULA—Presbyterian Sunday School.

SANTA ROSA—Ladies' Aid Soc., Mrs. Davidson, Dorcas Soc., Y. P. S. C. E.

TWO ROCKS—Ladies of Two Rocks.

VACAVILLE—Mrs. Arnold.

BEDDING.

- ALAMEDA—Ladies' Aid Society.  
BOULDER CREEK—Ladies' Aid Society.  
BUENA VISTA—Sunday School.  
CHICO—Mite Society.  
DANVILLE—Mrs. Burgess.  
DIXON—Mrs. Stocker, Auxiliary Missionary Society.  
FULTON—Ladies' Aid Society, Presbyterian Church.  
GRIGGS BLUFF—Ladies of Presbyterian Church.  
MILPITAS—Ladies' H. M. Society Presbyterian Church.  
OAKLAND—Junior Y. P. S. C. E., Ladies' Aid Society, Brooklyn Church,  
Miss G. Humphrey, The California Cotton Mills Co.  
SAN FRANCISCO—Trinity Church, Needle Work Guild, Mrs. Martel, Hale  
Bros., Mrs. C. W. Crocker, Mrs. Greenwood.  
REDLANDS—Mrs. W. B. Noble.  
ROSS—Needle Work Guild.  
SAN JOSE—Ladies of Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church,  
Mrs. A. A. Smith, Needle Work Guild.  
UKIAH—Ladies' Presbyterian Society.  
VACAVILLE—Presbyterian Church.  
WEST BERKELEY—Church.

BOOKS.

- GILROY—Sunday-School.  
NAPA—Sunday-School.  
ST. HELENA—Y. P. S. C. E.  
SAN FRANCISCO—The Mentone Club, Mrs. Folger.  
SAN RAFAEL—Mrs. Matson, Mrs. R. M. Donne, Dr. Kent, Mrs. Cole, Mr.  
Burtchell, Mr. Menzies, Mr. H. F. Matthews, Miss Stewart's School,  
Dr. Vanderlip.

FURNITURE.

- REDLANDS—Mrs. W. B. Noble.  
ROSS—Mrs. R. Davis.  
SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Thomas, J. W. Evans, Mrs. H. F. Matthews, Singer  
Sewing Machine Co.  
SAN RAFAEL—Mrs. Robert Neal, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. J. Boyd, Mrs. Shaver,  
San Rafael Association.

HARDWARE.

- REDLANDS—Mrs. W. B. Noble.  
SAN FRANCISCO—First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Wiester.  
SAN RAFAEL—Mrs. Stevenson, Hotel Rafael, J. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs.  
Wm. Anderson.

CONFETIONARY.

- SAN RAFAEL—Mrs. F. Johnson, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Tompkins,  
Mr. Dollar, Mr. Burtchell.  
WATSONVILLE—Pupils of First Year Schools.

FRUIT.

- ALHAMBRA—Mrs. Chas. Bailey.  
EAST OAKLAND—Miss G. Humphrey.

FRESNO—A. B. McKay, Presbyterian Church.  
FULTON—Ladies' Aid Society, Mr. Bryant, Rev. W. M. Sutherland.  
MARYSVILLE—Mrs. Cooley.  
NOVATO—Mr. Hatch.  
PETALUMA—Mr. Barlow, Mrs. Barlow.  
REDLANDS—Mrs. Dr. Craig, Mrs. W. B. Noble.  
RIVERSIDE—Rev. Gage.  
ROSS—Mrs. Wellington, Mrs. J. B. Davis.  
ST. HELENA—Rev. James Mitchell.  
SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. L. A. Kelley, Mrs. Quick, Dalton Bros., F. N. Woods,  
Mr. Pike, Mr. Kohlchoff, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Spencer.  
SAN RAFAEL—Mr. Trumbull, Mrs. Stratton, Mr. Towne, Mrs. Hutchinson,  
Mrs. Stephens, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Wm. Bradford, Mr. Kelly, Mrs.  
Jones, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Hecht, Mrs. Bunn, Mrs. Tompkins, Dr.  
Crosby, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Sweeney, Mrs. Trumbull.  
SANTA CLARA—Y. P. S. C. E., G. L. Beaver.  
SANTA ROSA—J. I. Parsons, J. S. Cochrane,  
TWO ROCK—Presbyterian Church.  
UKIAH—Mrs. Hook, Mrs. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Godd, Mr. Purdy.  
WATSONVILLE—Mrs. Hobson, Pupils of First Year Schools.  
WOODBRIDGE—Ladies of Presbyterian Church.

#### GROCERIES.

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BERKELEY—Mrs. Hathaway.  
DIXON—Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Kirby.  
DUNCAN'S MILLS—Mrs. A. S. Meyers.  
ELK GROVE—Ladies Presbyterian Church.  
NAPA—Sunday School.  
OAKLAND—Mrs. Calkins.  
ROSS—Mrs. J. B. F. Davis.  
SAN FRANCISCO—Goldberg Bowen & Co., A Friend, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs.  
Stevens, Mrs. J. D. Jessup, Miss Carey, Trinity Church, Franklin  
Street Church, G. W. McNear, President Mrs. P. D. Browne, Miss  
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Crosby, Cheda & Co., Mrs. Vogel, Mrs. C. Dixon, Mrs. Hoover,  
Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Jones, Mrs. Angelotti, Mrs. Landon,  
Mrs. Kent.  
TWO ROCK—Ladies of Two Rock.  
UKIAH—Ladies of Presbyterian Church.  
WEST BERKELEY—Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. M. A. Bower.  
WILLOWS—Mrs. N. S. Nye.

#### TOYS.

ALVARADO—Sunday School.  
GILROY—Sunday School.

HEALDSBURG—Mrs. Calkins.

NAPA—Sunday School.

OAKLAND—Brooklyn Church, Class 11, Mrs. Lundy's Sunday School,  
Class 26.

PETALUMA—Mrs. Kebler.

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Stone, Howard Church Ladies' Emergency Club,  
Miss Quick, Harold Wright, Mrs. Wm. Blackmore, Ladies' Guild of  
Howard Church.

ST. HELENA—Y. P. S. C. E.

SAN RAFAEL—Mrs. Lea, Miss Stewart's School, Mrs. Decourtieux Jr., Mr.  
Maynes, Lucille Williams, Mrs. McMahon, E. Todd.

SANTA ROSA—J. S. Cochran.

VACAVILLE—Mrs. Arnold.

#### REPORT OF VISITING PHYSICIAN.

*To the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm:*

I beg to present to your Board, the following brief report of the Visiting Physician to the Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1899.

For convenience of reference I have arranged the report in tabular form, as follows:

Number of visits made to Orphanage.....	50
" " Office visits.....	59
" " Examinations for admission.....	18
" " Operations—lacerated scalp wound 1, lymphadenitis 2.....	3
" " Deaths—Feb. 23, 1899, Entero-Colitis, 1..... April 10th, 1899, Diphtheria, 1.....	2

#### DISEASES.

Pneumonia 2, entero-colitis 1, herpes preputialis 1, chronic diarrhoea 1, rubeola 45, rotheln 8, sprained shoulder 1, scalded hand 1, conjunctivitis 2, eczema 1, iritis 1, lymphadenitis 2, aphthous sore throat 1, rhinitis 1, bronchitis 1, tonsillitis 8, splinter wound of hand 1, acute nephritis 1, lacerated scalp wound 1, diphtheria 1, otitis media acuta 1.

The general health of the children of the institution has been remarkably good.

An epidemic of measles has swept through the Home and left its results behind. Forty-five cases have occurred, one case being followed by entero-colitis which resulted fatally, and in another case we had as complications acute inflammation of the middle ear, broncho-pneumonia and finally diphtheria which eventually killed the patient, death occurring suddenly, as is often the case, from heart failure, at a time when we had begun to entertain strong hopes for her recovery.

During this epidemic we have felt still more keenly the *imperative*

need for suitable apartments for hospital purposes, where suspicious cases can be isolated and where all contagious diseases may be thoroughly quarantined and the seriously ill may have the necessary quietness.

Such a place should be always ready for instant use, and not used as a dormitory for ordinary use as we are now compelled to do.

In spite, however, of these two deaths this year, the mortality has been low, considering the number and ages of the children and the inherited predisposition in many, if not most of the cases, to the various constitutional ailments.

And it naturally follows that the larger the number of children we have the more sickness will there be and the number of deaths will also increase.

W. F. JONES, M. D.

#### REPORT OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

In looking over this special branch of our work for the past year we find many things that encourage us to go on. In the first place our plan for collecting money has been approved by some experienced financiers. It is this:

### BUILDING FUND OF THE SAN FRANCISCO Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm

FOR THE

"Even so, it is not the will of your Father, which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."  
Matt. 18:14.

#### COLLECT ONE DOLLAR

on this Card. Punch a square for each Five Cents collected, and return total amount with this Card to

MRS. E. R. STEVENS,

829 Guerrero Street.


Collector

Total.....

Who is there of us dares to say that twenty nickles do not make a dollar? Dollars build orphanages, feed the hungry, clothe the naked. Dollars gained a nickle at a time are just as good dollars as the other kind and are the kind that every one can help to collect. And none are so poor but they can help to give.

The refusals to take and use cards have been *very, very* few. To be

sure they have not all been returned to us filled, but wherever one has been shown, our work has been advertised, and in that way the card has done double duty.

The calls have been so many and various for the help of our little folks during the year, that we have not done as well as we might under ordinary circumstances. However, there has been ready response on the part of the children, and in some cases they have made sacrifices that the required amount might be raised.

One little fellow, when asked why he did not wear a tiny flag on his coat when almost every other child had one, said, "I wanted the money for my orphanage card, so I went without the flag."

In making this report we are aware that it will not be a full report of all Sunday school work, but just what has been sent through us to the work and we believe that no money expended for the benefit of the orphanage has brought as good returns as that paid for these little cards.

We have sent out 1,200 of them and have received \$131 02 up to date.

From churches outside the city as follows:

Napa.....	\$ 5 50
2nd San Jose .....	7 55
Sacramento.....	10 00
Eureka.....	12 20
Kelseyville.....	1 95
Two Rock .....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 62 20

SAN FRANCISCO CHURCHES.

Stewart Memorial.....	\$ 7 00
Holly Park.....	4 00
Lebanon.....	5 70
St. Johns.....	8 00
First.....	14 80
Trinity.....	29 32
Total.....	\$ 68 82

Total received.....	\$131 02
Total paid out.....	7 95

Total paid Treasurer Building Fund .....\$124 07

We have sent cards to all Presbyterian Sunday schools in the State, as far south as San Luis Obispo county. It has been a little difficult to find the addresses of the superintendents of some of them. We hope the churches not reported here will use the cards sent them as soon as possible and return them to us that we may have the pleasure of reporting *no delinquents* in our next report.

Now, dear friends, all who are interested, have these little homeless ones housed and fed. Remember these cards are for you all to use. Take them and pass them to your friends. There is no reason why with the

help of all there should not be five times as much raised in the year to come as in the one just passed.

This work is a work that appeals to everyone, and is approved by the Master of heaven Himself.

I have read,

"An angel paused in its upward flight  
With a seed of love and truth and right,  
And said 'the angel of darkness is sowing seed  
Of terrible hatred and strife and greed.  
O ! where can this precious seed be sown  
That will yield most fruit when fully grown.'  
The Savior heard and said as he smiled,  
'Place it at once in the heart of a child.' "

If you and I are to do much toward the betterment of this world we must work fast and lose no opportunities. Is there any better way, think you, to do this than by taking part in the very work we are discussing to-day?

"See Israel, gentle shepherd stand  
With all engaging charms,  
Hark ! how he calls the tender lambs  
And folds them in his arms.

Permit them to approach he cries  
Nor scorn their humble name,  
For 'twas to bless such souls as these,  
The Lord of Angels came.

MRS. E. R. STEVENS.

#### SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HELPING THE ORPHANAGE.

Will pastors read the annual report and selecting important matters lay them before their people on a Wednesday evening, suggesting individual gifts to the good cause.

Let every church arrange for a special Sunday school collection. Do not let a year pass in which our Presbyterian Orphanage does not come before the children of our churches.

Let us have the Thanksgiving collection of your church. We especially thank the churches that remembered us last year. Increase the number largely this year.

Make a yearly personal gift to this work. Place it upon your list of charities. Send money in any convenient way such as checks, orders, etc., payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. L. McLaine, 2220 Washington street, San Francisco, Treasurer for the building fund, Mrs. N. D. Rideout, 1950 Washington street, San Francisco.

Boxes, barrels and freight generally should be plainly marked with the donor's name and sent to the Presbyterian Orphanage, San Rafael.

Let all who can solicit or give a barrel of rice, flour, sugar, molasses



A COTTAGE WANTED FOR THESE BOYS.

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or sacks of corn, peas, beans or potatoes, solicit free transportation for the same over the railway. Send fruit dried or fresh in abundance.

Children who live on a farm can do a noble work by setting apart an "orphan's acre," the proceeds to be given to our Orphanage, be it great or small. Try it.

Remember the orphans at Christmas and Thanksgiving. This year was made happy by your kindness.

Let all gifts be prepaid. This is not a large item to the donors but takes the much needed money from the Orphanage. Wells Fargo & Co. will send all gifts for half price. Be sure and pay the expressage on what you send (half price) or enclose the amount in a letter to the matron at San Rafael

We often have enquiries as to our needs about measures for sheets and pillow cases, sizes of aprons, etc.

The matron says: Sheets  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yards, pillow cases 1 yard by 18 inches. Mother Hubbard aprons of dark material with long sleeves and high neck are always needed for girls from five years to twelve.

## REPORT OF THE BOY'S LEAGUE.

Published by Request.

The Boy's League was organized in October, 1897, and consisted of the older boys of the Home, about eleven in number. A constitution was then drawn up and read and approved by the members.

Each meeting of the League opens with the reading of the Bible by the President. Then we have a prayer by one of the members, followed by a song, and then the roll call, and the minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's Report. Then the programme follows which consists of stories, essays, music, compositions, riddles, some history and recitations, and sometimes a debate.

We have what we call a work committee, which looks after the work of the Home. At each meeting the committee assigns the work to certain boys, and it is then the business of the committee to see that it is done. It also reports the work accomplished since the last meeting. Then we have a Programme Committee which makes out the programme for the next meeting and assigns the parts to the different boys.

A new member recently admitted to the League was offered a fight one day in the yard, but would not because he was in the League. This is one instance which shows how the League helps the boys. The boys of the League also try to prevent quarrels in the yard. On one occasion one of the League boys received a black eye in helping to stop a fight, and it sometimes requires courage to interfere in these cases because in doing so it arouses the antagonism of the other boys, but the Bible commands us not to be weary in well doing and we hope to persevere in what we have undertaken.

The League has proved a great benefit to the other boys during the past year, especially in correcting improper language. We wish we could say there never was any bad language used among us, but we do strive to correct this bad habit ourselves, and to help the other boys. There is always special work of this kind when new boys come. The League has tried to stand by their constitution but have found it very hard.

The outing which the children enjoyed so much last summer was made possible through the efforts of the League under Miss Edgington. It gave an entertainment and in that way received enough money to take care of the horse during the camping season.

The funds of the treasury are very low at present, but we are all looking forward with great expectations to our being on the farm where we will have a place to keep pigeons, doves, quail, etc., and some opportunities for making money. We have a few pigeons and doves in which the boys are very much interested and take a great deal of pleasure.

We find that the League has been a great help to us in our school work, and realizing this, we have voted into the League some of the boys who are backward in school for their age, so that the League may prove a benefit to them. There is a great deal of work to do and we hope to accomplish more in the future.

DENISON H. CLIFT,  
*Secretary of Boy's League.*

## CHARTER.

### ARTICLE I.

The name of the Corporation shall be the "SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANAGE AND FARM."

### ARTICLE II.

The purpose for which this Corporation is formed is the care, support and education of—

1. Children, orphans or not orphans, without regard to the religious belief of parents, and such other work as may be decided upon by the Board.
2. Children, orphans or not orphans, of Presbyterian missionaries.
3. Orphan and half orphan children of Presbyterian families in the State of California.
4. The teaching of trades shall form an important feature of this Corporation.
5. Home for tired workers.

### ARTICLE III.

The place of business of the Corporation shall be in the City of San Francisco, in the State of California.

### ARTICLE IV.

The term for which it is to exist is in perpetuity.

### ARTICLE V.

The number of its Directors shall be eleven or more.

### ARTICLE VI.

The Managers shall consist of not less than twenty-five members.

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.

The General business of the Corporation shall be managed by Directors and Managers, and the Advisory Committee. The Directors shall be residents of this State, the majority members of the Presbyterian Church. The Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies which shall occur by death, resignation or otherwise, at a regular meeting. The Directors shall elect from time to time an Advisory Committee, composed of clergymen and business men, who may be convened at any time by the directors. The investing of moneys of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of real estate, shall be under the direction of the Advisory Committee, subject to the approval of the Directors.

### ARTICLE II.

The annual meeting shall be held the second Monday in May, at which time a full report of the Society's work for the year shall be made by the officers of the Board, and officers for the ensuing year shall be chosen. A majority of Directors and Managers present shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, who shall be also *ex officio* like officers of this Association, and shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected.

The Board of Directors shall meet once a month to attend to all matters of business relating to the institution. Five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except in case of amendment to the constitution.

### ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Managers to solicit contributions, especially in their respective churches, and give the same to the Treasurer with the names of the contributors.

### ARTICLE V.

The Board of Directors shall annually, immediately after the election of its members, or within thirty (30) days thereafter, meet and elect from the members of the Board the officers herein provided for. Said Board shall have power to make its own by-laws and appoint its committees to attend to any part of the business of the Board, subject to its direction and control, and shall have such other power as may be conferred upon it by this constitution.

The Directors shall have such corporate powers as may be conferred by the laws of this State. They shall select the Home, appoint the Matron and all other employes, have control of the funds of the Association, have power to make contracts, and devise measures and take such steps as they may deem necessary for the support and endowment of the institution, and shall have entire management and control of its affairs.

### ARTICLE VI.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or in her absence, by the Vice-President, whenever in her judgment the interests of the Orphanage require it, or at the request of three (3) members of the Board. At least three (3) days notice of such meetings must be given each member. The notice sent through the mail considered sufficient.

### ARTICLE VII.

All donors shall have the right to say, under the direction of the Board, whether their gifts shall be for the Orphanage or the Farm.

An honorary membership in this association shall be constituted by the payment of \$100, and a life membership by the payment of \$25.

The gift or bequest of \$1,500, if the donor shall so desire, shall constitute a memorial foundation—the income therefrom to perpetually support a child in the Orphanage, and may be called after the name of the donor, or as he or she may designate. The gift of \$80 will support a child over five years for one year; \$50 will support a child under five for one year.

### ARTICLE VIII.

The Board shall make any amendment in the constitution from time to time, as they shall consider most conducive to the welfare of the institution, due notice of which shall be given, presented in writing, one month in advance, at a regular meeting.

## BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I.

Stated meetings of the Directors shall be held the second (2nd) Monday of each month, in San Francisco, unless otherwise decided by the Board.

### ARTICLE II.

The President shall preside, or in her absence one of the Vice-Presidents. The meeting shall be opened with reading a portion of Scripture, followed by prayer. Business will be taken up in the following order.

1. Reading the Minutes of the last regular meeting and all intervening meetings.
2. Report of Treasurer.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Adjournment.

### ARTICLE III.

#### DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Directors shall have power to direct in regard to all proceedings of the Society not otherwise provided for by the constitution. Two members thereof shall be required to visit the Orphanage each week or supply a substitute. If any member of the Board shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without excuse, she shall be considered as having resigned.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### DUTIES OF THE SECRETARIES.

The Recording Secretary shall cause notice to be given of all the meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. She shall inform all officers of their election, keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and prepare the regular annual report. She shall also keep a correct record of the inmates of the Orphanage.

The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all correspondence as directed by the Board.

### ARTICLE V.

#### DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Society, pay all approved bills, and otherwise disburse the funds by direction of the Board; shall keep a full and correct account of her transactions, report monthly to the Board and annually to the Society.

### ARTICLE VI.

The Standing Committees of the Board shall be—

- On Admission.
- On Discharge and Discipline.
- On Furnishing.
- On House Supplies.
- On Emergency.
- On purchasing.
- On Finance.
- On Employes.
- On Invalid Fund.
- On Adoption.

Each Committee shall be nominated by the President at the first regular meeting of the Board. Each Committee shall approve their bills, make a written report to the Board monthly, and whenever requested. Before committing the Board to any course of action, its special sanction will be required.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### COMMITTEES ON ADMISSION, DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Admission shall investigate thoroughly every application and report all approved by them to the Board at the next meeting. They shall be subject to the following rules, viz.:

No boys shall be admitted to the Orphanage over fourteen (14) years of age; no girls over fourteen (14), unless with the privilege of finding homes for them.

None admitted without a physician's certificate of vaccination and freedom from contagious diseases. None admitted without action of the Board, unless immediate relief is demanded. None admitted without a written order, signed by one of the Committee, and upon condition that should any disease develop rendering the child an unfit inmate of the Orphanage, he or she may be returned to the person committing them to the Orphanage.

The Committee on Discipline shall have supervision over the moral influence of each individual connected with the institution. They shall watch over the moral development of the orphans, inculcating principles of religion, sobriety and industry. They shall aid the Matron with counsel as to character and extent of the religious instruction.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

All calls for the supply of furniture to be made to the Furnishing Committee.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### THE HOUSEHOLD COMMITTEE.

The Committee on House Supplies, or Household Committee, shall have the general supervision of the building and grounds, having special care of the physical development of the orphans. They shall direct all needful repairs of the building and furniture, and purchase all supplies for the household.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

The Committee has power to act whenever any emergency arises in the Orphanage or any branch of the work, without waiting for the sanction of the Board. All matters must, however, be reported to the Board.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE.

The Purchasing Committee shall provide for the wants of the institution, making all necessary purchases.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee shall audit the bills, also the accounts of the

Treasurer quarterly, and shall devise the means necessary for obtaining funds for the Society.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEES.

The Committee on Employees shall keep a record with name, address and qualifications of all persons applying for positions at the Orphanage, and no persons shall be engaged by them without a thorough investigation as to their capability and good character. They shall fill all vacancies as they occur, if necessary, upon consultation with the Matron.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### THE INVALID FUND.

The duty of this Committee is to see that children who need especial, continued medical treatment shall be placed where they can receive such treatment, with the consent of those placing them in the Orphanage, as this is not a hospital. They shall also secure delicacies, flowers, etc., if any shall be ill while under our care.

#### ARTICLE XV.

The Adoption Committee is required to keep an account of all children coming to the Home whose parents wish to have them placed in homes or adopted; to carefully investigate the homes, and see that the children are well treated and attend church and Sabbath-school.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

These By-Laws may be amended at any time at a regular meeting of the Board, by a vote of the majority.

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## AMENDMENTS.

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#### AMENDMENT I.

The regular monthly meeting of the "San Francisco Orphanage and Farm" shall be held on the second (2nd) Monday of the month, at No. 920 Sacramento street, San Francisco, and shall consist of the Board of Directors and Board of Managers and officers.

#### AMENDMENT II.

##### DUTIES OF MANAGERS.

They shall attend the regular business meeting, solicit money and gifts, and interest their churches and friends and attend to all matters of interest to the institution.

#### AMENDMENT III.

The number of Secretaries and officers shall be increased.

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## TO DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

You, as one of the above, are requested to raise or give the sum of ten dollars or more in behalf of the new Orphanage Building which is to cost \$10,000. Towards this we have now \$2,000 and the remaining amount must be paid very soon to meet the payments coming due. In addition to your own gift will you not interest your friends. Our building is to be commenced July fifteenth and the necessity for it is imperative as the physician has forbidden us to admit any more children to our present quarters and there are large numbers of applications made to us constantly. Send to Mrs. N. D. Rideout, 1950 Washington Street, San Francisco.

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I hereby bequeath to the San Francisco Presbyterian Orphanage  
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